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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Sacramento – Arrests Reported as Protesters Converge on State Capitol

(U) Eleven people were arrested near the California State Capitol Building where supporters of President Donald Trump clashed with anti-protesters yesterday, the Sacramento Police Department reports. All the arrests were for illegal possession of pepper spray, according to the Sacramento Police Department. The department did not specify which groups the arrested individuals were with. The clashes came as hundreds of pro-Trump demonstrators met in front of the capitol for a “stop the steal” rally.

SOURCE: 6 January 2021, [ABC 10 Sacramento](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – El Centro Sector Agents Arrest Armed Smugglers

(U) Niland – El Centro Sector Border Patrol agents arrested armed smugglers attempting to smuggle two illegal aliens on Monday afternoon. The incident occurred when a male driver along with a passenger in a vehicle approached the Highway 111 checkpoint. During an immigration inspection, agents discovered two male subjects laying down in the trunk who were determined to be from Mexico. Agents also discovered an unregistered .22-caliber firearm along with six rounds. Agents arrested all four individuals for further processing.

SOURCE: 6 January 2021, [CBP](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – Four Dead, 52 Arrested After Rioters Breach US Capitol

(U) Washington – The nation's lawmakers took to their electoral duties late Wednesday amid broken glass and smashed doors in the US Capitol following a riot by pro-Trump supporters who breached the building in hopes of thwarting President-elect Joe Biden's victory. At least 14 Metropolitan Police Department Officers were injured during the demonstrations. Two pipe bombs — one from the DNC and one from the RNC — were also recovered by police. The FBI started an investigation, seeking the public's help to identify unlawful individuals.

SOURCE: 6 January 2021, [USA Today](#)

(U) District of Columbia – FBI Investigating Threat Broadcast on Aviation Frequency

(U) Washington – The FBI is investigating the breach of an air traffic control system after a threat to fly a plane into the US Capitol building was broadcast. The plan was said to be revenge for the killing of Iranian General Qasem Soleimani. US authorities have been on high alert ahead of the anniversary as concerns have emerged Iran may use it as a reason to target the US. Although the threat doesn't appear to be credible, it is a crime to make threats over aviation frequencies.

SOURCE: 6 January 2021, [WLTZ](#)

(U) Massachusetts – Researcher Receives Time Served for Lying to Feds About Vials Inside Bag

(U) Boston – Zaosong Zheng, 31, a medical researcher who was incarcerated for nearly three months after his December 2019 arrest, was sentenced to time served after pleading guilty to lying to a federal official about 21 vials of lab material inside his luggage as he prepared to fly to his native China. He has

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been ordered to leave the US and is scheduled to board a flight to China. Zheng was initially charged with smuggling the vials that were related to cancer cell research but pleaded guilty only to making false statements in an agreement with prosecutors.

SOURCE: 6 January 2021, [AP News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Cameroon – Blast Kills Four Soldiers and Government Official

(U) Mbengwi – Four soldiers and a government official were killed in Cameroon's North-West region after their vehicle hit an improvised explosive device, officials say. The five were travelling in a military convoy when the blast occurred on the road leading to the town of Mbengwi, about 280 miles from the capital, Yaoundé. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

SOURCE: 6 January 2021, [BBC](#)

(U) Indonesia – Anti-Terrorism Police Squad Kills Two Suspected Militants in Raid

(U) Jakarta – Muhammad Rizaldy, 46, and his son-in-law, Sanjai Ajis, 23, two suspected militants connected to a deadly suicide attack at a Roman Catholic cathedral in the southern Philippines, were killed by police after they resisted arrest by wielding a machete and an air-rifle during a raid, said National Police spokesperson Ahmad Ramadhan. The suspects were linked to a banned militant organization responsible for a series of attacks in Indonesia, a local affiliate of the Islamic State group known as Jemaah Anshorut Daulah, Ramadhan said.

SOURCE: 6 January 2021, [ABC News](#)

(U) Ukraine – Ton of Heroin Destined for Europe Seized

(U) Lviv – Ukrainian officials say they have seized about 1 metric ton (1.1 tons) of heroin that smugglers intended to take into European Union countries and that four Turkish citizens have been detained in the case. The national prosecutor-general's office said the heroin was seized in the city of Lviv, about 30 miles from the Polish border. The heroin originated in Pakistan, came into the country via the Black Sea port of Odesa and is valued at an estimated \$81 million.

SOURCE: 6 January 2021, [US News](#)

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